

Claims

What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. A method for displaying available television programs, comprising the steps of:
 - obtaining a list of available programs;
 - obtaining a recommendation score for each of said available programs; and
 - 10 displaying said list of available programs to a user with an indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score.
 - 15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score provides a component score said one or more program attributes.
 - 20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score indicates a most significant program attribute.
 - 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score indicates a predefined number of most significant program attributes.
 - 30 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a color scheme.
 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said color scheme discretely maps said score to a color.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein said color scheme continuously maps said score to a color.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable size-of-text scheme.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable rate-of-flicker scheme.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable brightness scheme.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable bar height.

12. A method for displaying available television programs, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a list of available programs;

obtaining a recommendation score for each of said

available programs; and

displaying said list of available programs to a user with a visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a color scheme.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said color scheme discretely maps said score to a color.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein said color scheme continuously maps said score to a color.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein said visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable size-of-text scheme.

17. The method of claim 12, wherein said visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable rate-of-flicker scheme.

18. The method of claim 12, wherein said visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable brightness scheme.

19. The method of claim 12, wherein said visual cue of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score utilizes a variable bar height.

20. A system for displaying available television programs, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

obtain a list of available programs;
obtain a recommendation score for each of said available programs; and

display said list of available programs to a user with an indication of one or more program attributes contributing to said recommendation score.

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